Non-revision of minimum wages of agricultural workers in Punjab

@3180. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Punjab Government has not revised the minimum wages of agricultural workers, as is done in case of industrial workers;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not revising the minimum wages of agricultural workers;

(c) whether the above action of the Punjab Government is contrary to the decisions of the State Labour Ministers' Conference held in New Delhi; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Khet Mazdoor Union have criticised the Government for not revising the minimum wages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of the House.

गवर्नमेंट रेलवे पुलिस के कार्मिकों को उपलब्ध कराई गई सुविधायें

@@ 3181. **कुमारी सईदा खातून :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार द्वारा गवर्नमेंट रेलवे पुलिस के कार्मिकों को क्या सुविधाएं उपलब्ध कराई जाती हैं ;

(ख) क्या उनको रेलवे पास आवास, उनके बच्चों को स्कूल में दाखिले इत्यादि की सुविधाए दी जाती हैं ; और

(ग) यदि नही तो उनकी सेवा को रेलवे विभाग का एक भाग मानते हुए उनको ये सुविधाएं कब तक दिए जाने का प्रस्ताव है ?

कार्मिक, लोक शिकायत तथा पेंशन मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री तथा गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री पी० चिदम्बरम्) :

(क) से (ग) सरकारी रेल पुलिस संबंधित राज्य सरकारो के नियंत्रणाधीन कार्य करती है जो उन्हें सुविधाए प्रदान करती है। रेलवे उन्हें निम्नलिखित सुविधाए प्रदान करती है :—

I. यथा-संभव आवास ।

II. ड्यूटी के दौरान यात्रा के लिए ड्यूटी कार्ड पास/चैक पास ।

III. संबंधित राज्य सरकारों के विशेष अनुरोध पर केवल कार्मिको को और न कि उनके परिवार के सदस्यों को, रेल अस्पतालों मे आन्तरिक तथा बाह्य चिकित्सा सुविधा ।

IV. जहा संभव हो रेल टेलीफोन सुविधा ।

V. ड्यूटी के दौरान अधिकारियों को मुख्यालय से बाहर यथा संभव किराया मकान की सुविधा ।

VI. रेल स्कूलों मे उनको, बच्चों के दाखिले के लिए कोई विशष सुविधा नही ।

चूंकि सरकारी रेल पुलिस संबंधित राज्य सरकारो के अधीन काम करती है अत: इस संगठन को रेल का एक अभिन्न अंग मानने का प्रश्न नही उठता ।

Gramin Banks in Andhra Pradesh

3182. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Gramin Banks in Andhra Pradesh are allowing all the State Government benefits to the equated cadres in terms of Section

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17(1) of Regional Rural Banks Act; and

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Section 17(1) of the Regional Rural Banks Act, 1976 does not provide for automatic extension of each and every benefit available to employees of State Government including Andhra Pradesh Government to the employees of RRBs functioning in that State except determination by the Central Government of remuneration of Officers and other employees of regional rural banks with due regard to the salary structure of the employees of the State Government and local authorities of comparable level and status in the notified area.

While the Government have already determined the pay scales and other related allowances such as Dearness allowances, House Rent allowance, Travelling allowances, daily allowance etc in pursuance of the provision of RRBs Act mentioned above, the question of other benefits is decided on merits after consultation with NABARD.

3183. [*Transferred to the 7th December, 1987*]

Recommendation of Safety Board, CIL

3184. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Safety Board, Coal India Limited had made a recommendation for holding a Court of Enquiry to investigate into the cases of fatal accidents with 3 or more fatalities;

(b) if so, when the recommendation was made;

(c) whether any such Court of Enquiry has ever been held since then; and

(d) if so, what were the findings, the recommendations and actions taken as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (d) The Safety Board of the Coal India Limited at its Meetings held on 3rd December, 1986 and 24th June, 1987 has decided that in the event of a fatal accident, the Committee which conducts a preliminary inquiry into the accident should include at least two workmen who are members of the Safety Committee. The Committee shall submit its findings to the management for further action.

The aforesaid Committee is set up by the management and is not a Court of Inquiry as provided for in Section 24 of the Mines Act, 1952.

Proposal of Safety Board, CIL regarding amendments in Mines Rules, 1985

3185 SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Safety Board Coal India Limited has proposed vital amendments in the Mines Rules, 1985; and

(b) if so what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Export of cotton yarn

3186 SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to allow the export of 15 million kg. of cotton yarn of 1 to 60's counts on top of 60 million kg already sold in the overseas market;